



STATE OF WISCONSIN Assembly Journal

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TUESDAY, April 20, 2004

The Chief Clerk makes the following entries under the above date:

ADMINISTRATIVE RULES

Assembly Clearinghouse Rule 04-021

Relating to the definitions of client and psychological treatment, degree requirements, interim determination of degree requirements met, continuing education courses, and professional conduct.

Submitted by Department of Regulation and Licensing.
Report received from Agency, April 8, 2004.

To committee on **Health**.
Referred on April 19, 2004.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS

State of Wisconsin
Office of the Governor
Madison

April 19, 2004

To the Honorable Members of the Assembly:

The following bills, originating in the Assembly, have been approved, signed and deposited in the office of the Secretary of State:

<u>Bill Number</u>	<u>Act Number</u>	<u>Date Approved</u>
AB 508 (in part)	267	April 16, 2004
Assembly Bill 207	268	April 16, 2004
Assembly Bill 841	270	April 16, 2004
Assembly Bill 560	272	April 16, 2004
Assembly Bill 84	282	April 19, 2004
Assembly Bill 254	283	April 19, 2004
Assembly Bill 402	284	April 19, 2004
Assembly Bill 426	285	April 19, 2004
Assembly Bill 443	286	April 19, 2004
Assembly Bill 624	287	April 19, 2004

Respectfully submitted,
JIM DOYLE
Governor

GOVERNOR'S VETO MESSAGE

April 16, 2004

To the Honorable Members of the Assembly:

I am partially vetoing **Assembly Bill 508**. This bill extends the carry forward period for the income or franchise tax credit equal to the sales tax paid on fuel and electricity used in manufacturing from 15 years to 20 years beginning January 1, 2003. This extends the life of credits that would have otherwise expired in tax years 2003 to 2005. The bill also makes the following credits refundable: development zone and tax credit for job creation or retention and for environmental remediation, the development zones investment and capital investment tax credits and the technology zones tax credit.

I am partially vetoing the bill to remove the change in development zone tax credits to refundable tax credits. The refundable tax credits create a substantial liability for the general fund in the next two biennia, nearly \$14 million. Additionally, making these credits refundable would set a new precedent. Currently, only four tax credits offered by the state of Wisconsin are refundable and they are solely for individual income tax payers. Before making a new class of tax credits refundable, there should be thoughtful discussion about a policy change of this magnitude. There are good policy reasons to consider making tax credits refundable, especially for tax credits aimed at early-stage companies. However, both the financial effect and appropriateness of making this type of broad general fund expenditure, without a thorough understanding of the benefits it will provide to the citizens of the State, is unwise.

Respectfully submitted,
JIM DOYLE
Governor

COMMUNICATIONS

State of Wisconsin
Office of the Secretary of State
Madison

To Whom It May Concern:

Acts, Joint Resolutions and Resolutions deposited in this office have been numbered and published as follows:

<u>Bill Number</u>	<u>Act Number</u>	<u>Publication Date</u>
AB 859 (in part)	256	April 29, 2004

Assembly Bill 792 257 April 29, 2004
Assembly Bill 793 258 April 29, 2004
Assembly Bill 890 259 April 29, 2004
Assembly Bill 600 265 April 29, 2004
Assembly Bill 601 266 April 29, 2004
AB 508 (in part) 267 April 30, 2004
Assembly Bill 207 268 April 30, 2004
Assembly Bill 841 270 April 30, 2004
Assembly Bill 560 272 April 30, 2004
Assembly Bill 84 282 April 30, 2004
Assembly Bill 254 283 April 30, 2004
Assembly Bill 402 284 April 30, 2004
Assembly Bill 426 285 April 30, 2004
Assembly Bill 443 286 April 30, 2004
Assembly Bill 624 287 April 30, 2004

Sincerely,
DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE
 Secretary of State

REFERRAL OF AGENCY REPORTS

State of Wisconsin
 Department of Health and Family Services
 Madison

April 16, 2004

To the Honorable, the Assembly:

The Bureau of Health Information, Department of Health and Family Services, is pleased to submit to the Governor and the Legislature the *Health Care Data Report, 2002*. The data for this report were collected under section 153.05, Wisconsin Statutes, and are published as authorized by the requirements of section 120.20, Wisconsin Administrative Code.

This report is based on data reported quarterly to the Bureau of Health Information by all operating general

medical-surgical and specialty hospitals and Medicare-certified, freestanding ambulatory surgery centers in Wisconsin. It presents a summary of data on utilization and charges at those facilities in 2002.

Sincerely,
HELENE NELSON
 Secretary

Referred to committee on **Health**.

State of Wisconsin
 Office of State Employment Relations
 Madison

April 2004

To the Honorable, the Legislature:

I am pleased to present to you the 2003 annual report on Affirmative Action for Wisconsin State Government. The report symbolizes the continuing commitment by the State of Wisconsin and the Office of State Employment Relations (OSER) to provide equal employment opportunities.

The State's workforce is becoming more representative of Wisconsin's rich and diverse heritage. We will continue to seek ways to eliminate underutilized job groups in the workforce while maintaining timely and quality service delivery to our customers.

OSER will continue to guide the state's affirmative action and equal employment opportunity efforts building on the knowledge gathered from the past and upholding diversity as a fundamental principle.

Sincerely,
KAREN E. TIMBERLAKE
 Director

Referred to committee on **Labor**.